



GOOD GROUNDS FOR HOPE THAT PEACE WILL BE RESULT

Reply of Russia to Roosevelt Proposition in the Hands of M. Witte.

Plan Involves the Ransom of Sakhalin, Payment for Keep of Russian Prisoners and Chinese Eastern Railway in Lieu of Indemnity.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 22.—A long cablegram from St. Petersburg, which is believed to be the Russian reply, arrived about 10 o'clock to-night, and M. Witte's secretaries, Mr. Nabukoff and Mr. Plancon, immediately began deciphering it.

Considerable excitement was apparent in the annex, where the Russian headquarters are located. Sheet by sheet the translation was taken to M. Witte's room. The rumor is that it is a refusal, a non-positum, as a reiteration of the Russian position that she has given ample proof of her desire for peace in the articles already accepted and that more she could not yield with dignity and honor.

No confirmation of the reply that Russia's reply is a negative can be obtained, and it must be accepted with all reserve. The lights in the room of M. Witte and Baron de Rosen were burning long after midnight.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 23, a.m.—It is stated that Baron Komura has agreed to offer at the session at 3:30 this morning the president's compromise proposition. A high authority believes it impossible that a final rupture can come today, no matter what the character of the emperor's final instructions to M. Witte may be.

"If the negotiations can be prolonged into next week," he said, "so much pressure will be brought to bear upon the emperor that he will not be able to resist."

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 22.—The Associated Press is now in a position to reveal substantially the suggestion of President Roosevelt for breaking the existing deadlock in the peace negotiations and rescuing the conference from failure. His solution would ingeniously permit the satisfaction of the Japanese demand for re-imbursement for the cost of the war and at the same time enable Russia to face the world with the declaration that she had not ceded a foot of territory or paid a kopeck of war tribute to the victor.

Logical Compromise.

The solution is the one which has heretofore been described in the Associated Press dispatches as the natural and logical compromise. It is stated, it consists in an agreement by Russia to repurchase possession of Sakhalin, now in the military possession of Japan, for a sum, the amount of which, if the two countries cannot agree, shall be decided by some method of arbitration hereafter to be determined. The purchase money, together with the sum Japan would obtain from the cession of the Chinese Eastern railway and the maintenance of the Russian prisoners in Japan, would, it is estimated, about equal the amount claimed by Japan as her bill for the cost of the war. Possibly, therefore, the solution offered by the president involves recession by Japan upon article 16 of the peace treaty, and recession by Russia upon article 9 (indemnity). It seems practically certain, though this cannot be affirmed positively, that the president is today unable to give M. Witte a definite assurance that Japan would be willing to accept such a compromise.

Depends Upon Russia.

This is apparently supported by the authoritative Japanese statement made to the Associated Press tonight in reply to a question as to whether Japan had not decided to make substantial concessions. "It all depends upon Russia."

It was the president's message to M. Witte which caused the sensation of the day. Early in the morning had come the official statement that the meeting of the conference would be postponed until tomorrow at 3:30 o'clock. The public opinion, however, was that the protocols for submission at the sitting had not been completed, but a few hours later the true reason leaked out. The president's message to M. Witte, one of the secretaries attached to the office at Oyster Bay, had arrived with a communication from the president for the Russian plenipotentiaries. M. Witte and Baron de Rosen had left the hotel ostensibly for a ride in an auto car to the beach, but instead had quietly slipped over to the conference building at the navy yard to receive the message from Assistant Secretary Peirce, who had been most elaborate in his precautions, but it leaked out through a slip from New York which reached the Associated Press.

All Declined to Talk.

From 10:20 until 1:10 M. Witte and Baron de Rosen remained at the conference building with Mr. Peirce. All those present declined to make any statement regarding what transpired at the navy yard, except to admit that any importance attached to the matter. M. Witte would only admit that he had gone to the building to send a message to the president. Baron de Rosen and Mr. Peirce absolutely refused to make any statement. Mr. Peirce, according to the report, took the merchants' limited, after he took the train to Boston, and he was quiring at the intelligence office for the connections to Oyster Bay. He carried the dress suit case, which probably contained the reply to the president. This reply, it is believed, was prepared by Mr. Peirce and Baron de Rosen after the president's message. A suggestion is made that during the stay at the navy yard the Russian plenipotentiaries were in direct communication with the president by telegraph, but there is nothing to substantiate this, and under the circumstances it appears unlikely.

Work of Kaneko.

Mr. Roosevelt's message to M. Witte and Baron de Rosen is believed to have been the result of his interview yesterday at Oyster Bay with Baron Kaneko, one of Marquis Ito's close friends, who has acted as the president's medium of communication with the Tokyo government.

A story was in circulation at the hotel this afternoon to the effect that Baron Kaneko's secretary, Mr. Saki, was here in communication with the Japanese plenipotentiaries, also with Mr. Peirce, but investigation developed the fact that, although Mr. Saki had been here a week ago, he was not here today. It has been ascertained here that, in addition to the president's communication to M. Witte through Baron de Rosen last Saturday and by messenger today, messages were delivered by Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg, but no official confirmation is obtainable. The general disposition was to regard today's position and kaleidoscopic developments as materially brightening the chances of the



LITTLE CHANGE IN SITUATION AMBASSADOR CONGER STEPS DOWN

Loomis, of Venezuela Asphalt Fame, Mentioned in Connection with the Mexican Post, But Is Likely to Be Disappointed.

YSTER BAY, Aug. 22.—Edwin H. Conger, of Iowa, has resigned his post as ambassador to Mexico to take effect October 18 next, and President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation.

Mr. Conger's retirement from the diplomatic service was foreshadowed in these dispatches last week. It was indicated then that he might be sent to Peking as a special commissioner of the president to adjust, if possible, the differences which have arisen between this country and China over the boycott of American goods by some of the Chinese commercial guilds. While no official statement is obtainable here regarding the mission, there are reasons for the statement that it either has been abandoned by the president or that it has been declined by Mr. Conger.

At any rate, it is believed Mr. Conger will not go to China.

It has not been determined definitely yet who will succeed Mr. Conger as ambassador to Mexico, but, as heretofore stated, it probably will be David E. Thompson of Nebraska, now American ambassador to Brazil. It is known that Ambassador Thompson desires the Mexico post.

In connection with the appointment of the name of Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, has been mentioned, but it can be said pretty definitely that Mr. Loomis will not be appointed. His resignation as assistant secretary of state may be expected at any time. It is certain that he is retiring from the state department, but whether he will receive an appointment in the diplomatic service, as has been suggested, is thought to be somewhat problematical.

DESPERATE ROBBER KILLS WOMAN

Mrs. S. E. Mize of New York Murdered While Taking a Walk in One of the Fashionable Residence Districts of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Mrs. S. E. Mize of New York city was murdered tonight by a robber while taking an evening walk in one of the fashionable residence districts on the south side.

For the greater part of the summer Mrs. Mize has been a guest at the Del Prado hotel, which fronts on the Midway plaisance. Tonight, in company with Mrs. R. F. Wilson of Las Cruces, Mexico, also a guest at the hotel, she went out for a short walk.

Confronted by Robber.

They had reached the corner of Fifty-ninth street and Washington avenue, two squares from the hotel, when they were confronted by a man who demanded their money and valuables. All along Fifty-ninth street and on Washington avenue people were sitting up on verandas and in the front yards of their residences, and Mrs. Mize, evidently expecting help from some of them, vigorously attacked the robber, at the same time calling loudly for help. Mrs. Wilson turned and ran back toward the hotel.

Mrs. Mize was able to utter just two

WIFE OF FORMER SENATOR DIES

Mrs. Isabel Cameron Brown Passes Away From Cancer of Stomach.

PROMINENT IN CLUB WORK

TOOK GREAT INTEREST IN POLITICS, AIDING HUSBAND.

MRS. ISABELLA CAMERON BROWN, wife of former United States Senator Arthur Brown, passed away at 12:30 yesterday afternoon at the family residence, 301 Brigham street, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Brown had for some time been a sufferer from cancer of the stomach and it was this ailment which caused her death. Pending funeral arrangements have not been made.

Coming here in 1879, Mrs. Brown has been more or less in the public eye ever since, having been active in political and club work. She was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 8, 1842, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cameron, formerly of New York.

It was in Kalamazoo that Mr. Brown, then an attorney of some note in Michigan, met Miss Cameron, who became his second wife.

The couple left almost immediately for

STORM BREAKS CITY'S DROUGHT GEOGHEGAN IS TO BE PROMOTED

Troubles Over Water Scarcity Are Apparently Ended For Present.

LIGHTNING DOES DAMAGE TWO LIEUTENANTS RESIGN

STREET CARS HAVE COLLISION— POWER INTERFERED WITH.

BATTERY IS LEFT WITH ONLY ONE COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

"SALT LAKE'S water situation" became a thing of just last night when the long-prayed-for heavy downpour of rain arrived, following lighter showers earlier in the day. It was about the only thing that could inspire humor, so severe was the drenching which the city received gratis. Starting about 10 p. m. the heavy downpour continued for about thirty minutes and was succeeded by a less boisterous downpour lasting about twenty minutes. The shower appeared heavier in the down town portion of the city than farther east, in the bench district.

Saltair experienced one of the worst summer storms of its history. Many had gone out to the resort for the purpose of helping the civic improvement fund out of the Ladies' Literary club. Beginning about 9 p. m. the severe showers forced them to huddle under the pavilion, from which point they could watch the lightning and hear the thunder. The jumps were made on the resort, while the water formed in pools on the floor. One particularly brilliant bolt struck just across the street and was grounded at that point. It was accompanied by a thunder clap which fairly shook the pavilion.

Mercury Falls Quickly.

There were two remarkable features of the afternoon showers. One was the sudden fall of the thermometer which marked the coming of the first rain drops, the other the jumps made on the resort, while the water formed in pools on the floor. One particularly brilliant bolt struck just across the street and was grounded at that point. It was accompanied by a thunder clap which fairly shook the pavilion.

TWO LIEUTENANTS RESIGN

First Lieutenant Fred Smith and Second Lieutenant George Worthen of the First battery, forwarded their resignations yesterday. The letters of resignation were purely formal in character and assigned no reasons, although it is known that the officers' resignations were called forth by the same conditions that led to the preparation by the enlisted men of the petition asking that they be promoted. The letters of resignation were mailed to First Lieutenant Fred U. Leonard, commander of the battery, yesterday. Lieutenant Leonard is authorized to endorse his approval on the resignations and forward them to Colonel H. M. H. Lund, who, in turn, will present them to Colonel Geoghegan.

The two resignations followed closely the receipt of letters addressed to the officers by Colonel Geoghegan, asking if he could receive the resignations in support of the officers in efforts to build up the battery. The promptness with which the resignations followed the receipt of the letters, and the fact that the resignations were to be accepted, suggests that the officers intended the resignations to serve as an answer. Both resignations will probably be accepted at the time the adjutant general suggests that the officers intended the resignations to serve as an answer. Both resignations will probably be accepted at the time the adjutant general suggests that the officers intended the resignations to serve as an answer.

HEAD-ON COLLISION

Three Trainmen Killed on Union Pacific in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 22.—Three persons were killed and six injured this morning in a head-on collision between two Union Pacific freight trains, one and one-half miles east of Topeka, a town on the Union Pacific eighteen miles west of Topeka.

The dead: William H. Gibson, engineer, Kansas City, Kan.; Clarence Reese, conductor, Topeka, Kan.; and one of the trainmen.

Nobody was seriously injured. The three men killed were members of the Union Pacific freight train which was wrecked. The second section of the freight train was wrecked and the engine and several cars were overturned. The dead were killed by the engine of the freight train which was wrecked.

Two members of the crew of No. 161 are missing. The wreckage reveals only three bodies. Both locomotives were demolished.

HEART HIGH UP AND ON THE WRONG SIDE

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 21.—When Malcolm Rose, a landscape gardener, was placed on the operating table at the county hospital here today to un- dergo an operation for the removal of a growth from his neck it was discovered by the surgeons that the patient's heart instead of being in normal position on the left side of the body, was located on the right side nearly six inches from its proper place. The organ in every way, however, appeared normal. It had evidently been in that position from birth. The physicians at the hospital state that it is the first case of the kind that has ever come under their observation.

TILMAN BLAIR JONES DIES IN CALIFORNIA

(Special to The Herald.)
San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Tilman Blair Jones, a Mexican war veteran, California pioneer and prominent in the affairs of this city yesterday at the age of 79 years. As deputy marshal in Salt Lake City Jones gained a reputation for his bravery.